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## Taxi Service For Hospital Now Offered

As of tonight, special cab service between Richmond and McGuire will be available. The Air Base Transport Association has inaugurated a shuttle cab service from their stand at 8th and Marshall streets in Richmond to McGuire between the hours of 9 P. M. and 9 A. M. daily.

Two new Chrysler Imperial cars have been ear-marked for exclusive McGuire use. Additional cabs will be assigned to the service in response to increased demand.

Standard rates will be \$1 for the first one or two passengers, \$1.50 for three, and 25 cents additional for each passenger thereafter.

The association has had eighteen months' experience in rendering service to Richmond Army Air Base, and assures McGuire riders that a cab will be waiting at 8th and Marshall Sts. in rain or shine, snow, sleet or high wind.

At no additional charge the cab will drive to any spot on the post to discharge passengers.

## Price Clinic Out to End Gyping of GI

By PVT. LEE KING

It is no longer "open season" on the GI consumer. Merchants of this area, who sell to military personnel at overceiling prices will be called to account by McGuire's recently established Price Control Clinic.

Headed by Captain Bentley Frederick, President, the Clinic line up includes: Lt. Robert D. Henry, 1st Sgt. William J. Allison, M-Sgt. Frederick E. Johnson, T-Sgt. John H. Jeffries and Sgt. Irvin N. Perry. The local OPA is working in full cooperation with Captain Frederick and his staff.

Food, clothing, rent—anything a GI wears, eats or uses—should be correctly priced and sold to him and his family "or else." The OPA is not empowered to deal with price differences concerning theater, newspaper and taxi charges. But to quote Captain Frederick, "We believe that the excellent films offered at army theaters more than compensate for the local theatre's policy of no discount to servicemen. As for the taxi-fare situation," continued the Captain, "a recent issue of the BANNER told the story of our action on that. And we are now working on a claim that McGuire post residents have been overcharged for daily papers. They have been refused subscription rates and are required to pay full retail price for daily delivery over any period of time although subscription rates are available to persons living across the street from the post."

Unsupported "gripes" about overcharges can, and will, be investigated by the clinic, but actual claims for violations must be based on evidence. A dated receipt should be requested with each purchase as well as with rent payments. Then, if your receipt

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## Bigger, Better Banner

The BANNER has had a facial. With this issue, the BANNER makes its debut as a printed weekly. It will be in the hands of its readers every Thursday.

McGuirites may now look forward to a quicker, more complete coverage of hospital news, personalities, features, humor and art.

As always, suggestions and contributions from readers are welcome. Letters to the editor on any subject are solicited for reprint.

The BANNER may be mailed for 12c postage when rolled in a wrapper.

## Hospital Bank Opening Seen For February 1

Complete banking services for McGuire patients and personnel will probably be available on or before February 1, it was learned today from Captain Parker W. Ingalls, Fiscal Officer. Construction of a centrally located hospital branch covering an area of 64 by 24 feet, is now under way. The bank operating the branch has not been disclosed as yet.

The new building will be located just north of the Red Cross hall, with entrance in the corridor leading to the Administration Building. Completion of the new construction is expected about January 15.

Services to be rendered personnel will be similar to those at any fully equipped bank branch, Capt. Ingalls added. An exception, he said, may be on authority of the branch to make loans to depositors. However, McGuire depositors will have no difficulty in arranging for loans against hospital accounts through other officers of the bank.

## REMEMBER?

Nov. 8, 1942, to May 13, 1943—Part of the price the Germans exacted for relinquishing their conquests in North Africa:—U. S. Killed, 2574; Wounded, 9437; Missing, 1620; Prisoners of War, 5107.

## Generals Face Camp Lee Five In Home Gymnasium Tonight

With the team considerably strengthened by its recent first-stringer addition, Lt. David S. Yoakley, McGuire Generals face with assurance Camp Lee's five tonight.

Scheduled for 7:30 P.M. in the home gym, tonight's contest promises plenty of fast action and smart play.

Despite his full time duties as Special Services Officer, Yoakley entered the Generals' fold the day he arrived at McGuire.

Tuesday's game marked the initial appearance of Yoakley as a McGuire General. A dead shot, his 6 feet 3½ inches of Tennessee torso proved to be no handicap. His fast, tricky passing tagged him an old hand at the game. A "natural" in the tap-in spot, he is expected to be a key factor in the outcome of tonight's fray.

Although the Generals looked good in teamwork Tuesday, they bogged down on baskets and bowed in defeat by a score of 65 to 28. Much of this wide margin was accounted for by individual RAAB scoring. "Pop" Wadell, a set shot artist chalked up 19 of RAAB's points and Piestrake followed with 14 more. The Generals lost as many good shots as the RAABs made count.

Credited with being the real spark-plug of the Generals is Coach Bill Allison, whose canny generalship and shrewd maneuvering have "reved-up" the best in each man when the chips were down. Bill's own masterly handling of the ball has been the subject of much gum-beating. In dribbling or passing, Bill has become noted for clinging to the ball until he tells it where to go—and it usually goes there.

Among others expected to stand out in tonight's play is 5-foot 4-inch Scanlon. Characterized by his boxer's springy step, Scanlon hurls himself high into the air against any bunch of six-footers with no concern for consequences. Injuries have

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## "No-Waste" Drive Nets 30% Decrease

Food waste figures have been reduced by more than 30% for the month of October, and show a material decrease from that percentage for the first twenty days of November, according to Mess Officer Lt. Irving Gellman.

"This reduction of waste shows a fine response on the part of McGuire personnel to Colonel Duggins' recent appeal for food conservation," the lieutenant stated. "With the continued cooperation of our personnel, we shall be able to maintain our lead among general hospitals in the Third Service Command. We now hold first place with the lowest waste percentage, as compared with our early September position of third place."

## New Mag Due for Overseas Patients

"Wonder what's going on in my old outfit?" That's the question OUTFIT, a new Army magazine, will answer for patients in general hospitals within the United States. OUTFIT will carry news of units all over the world covering everything from combat action to unit sports and emphasizing names and more names. News will come from part-time GI reporters appointed within each unit overseas down to battalions or equivalent, plus an officer and two enlisted men who will function as full-time roving correspondents in each Command. The magazine will be distributed free.

## Re-employment Rights Cover Wacs, Too

To relieve any doubts as to their rights to their former jobs, Army Service Forces Personnel Bulletin 51 states that WACs are entitled to the same job protection as any other member of the armed forces.

While the WACs are not required to register under the draft laws, the Bulletin recommends that any discharged WAC having difficulty in securing her former position communicate with the Reemployment chairman of the local Selective Service Board in her neighborhood. This official is empowered to assist her in cases of this nature.

"To make sure of final victory," wrote General Eisenhower, of the Sixth War Loan, "we must redouble and sustain our efforts, both here and everywhere. The money must be raised and our men on all fronts depend on you."



Hylton Sisters

## Hospital Radio Show to be Aired Every Saturday

Public Relations Office has just concluded arrangements for McGuire General to take to the air via a weekly half-hour radio program every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 6:00 P. M.

Entitled "Open House at McGuire General", the scripts written by Lt. Howard Leeds, former professional script writer, will be heard over WRVA's thirty-eight state coverage. Starting December 9th, the Philadelphia Orchestra program usually heard during that time will be replaced by McGuire's new air show.

"Open House at McGuire" will attempt to portray dramatically the great work accomplished by the medical corps on every fighting front. Battle stories of patients will be related as well as the experiences of duty personnel who saw action overseas.

Sustaining music by the McGuire band and songs and music by other talented hospital personnel will be included on each program.

With the new radio show under way, McGuire will be on the air for six half hours each month, including the "O. K. America" broadcasts originating here on alternating weeks.

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## Front-Line Pay for Front-Line Medics

Many words have been said of the miracles in medicine performed by the great minds and hands of the Army Medical Corps during this war. Fighting men have come to look upon the Corps with respect, with confidence and with the hope a man needs when pain and illness overshadow hope.

The following Associated Press dispatch, however, tells a new story:

WITH UNITED STATES NINTH ARMY IN GERMANY, Nov. 21. —(Delayed)—(AP)—Angered because medical enlisted men who go into battle side by side with them do not receive combat pay, infantrymen of one unit on this front subscribed to a fund to pay the medics an extra \$10 a month out of their own pockets.

An antitank crew started the idea. Sergeant Chandler Wilson of Sevierville Pike, Knoxville, Tenn., soon had the fund oversubscribed.

This additional tribute to the Medical Corps was not prompted alone by the miracles of medicine. Miracles of bravery are spoken of here . . . the gallantry of the unglorified litter bearer and the company aid man . . . the soldiers who march into fields of fire without weapons with which to fight back. Courage is their weapon. Agony and death are the target . . . the enemy.

But splintering shells and spitting rifles do not discriminate. Medics die as other front line soldiers die.

When a voice calls through the hellish thunder of the battlefield for medical aid, the litter bearers do not hold their cover and they do not crawl. They walk to where a buddy is in need.

And yet the first line medic is still in a second-rate military category. He is not entitled to wear the Combat Infantryman's Badge . . . yet he walks and suffers and dodges fire with his infantry comrades. He receives no extra pay . . . yet he has earned on every front the monetary recognition recently awarded infantry troops.

This is not the opinion of the BANNER editorial board alone. It is the active belief of every soldier who has seen the medic operate on the front line.

Therefore, the BANNER joins with hundreds of thousands of combat troops in calling for:

1. A distinctive award for front line corpsmen, equivalent to the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

2. A pay increase of \$10 per month for front line corpsmen, to give them equal stature with the infantryman at whose side they share this war.

## Rhythm, Fun Mark USO Show Tonight

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pianist, provide a solid rhythmic background for the production.

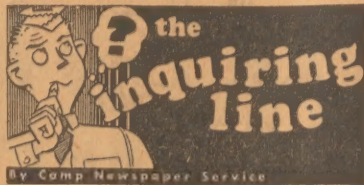
Friday, "Breezing Along" will tour the wards providing a bedside jamboree for those not able to make the show in the auditorium.

On Tuesday, December 5th, WRVA's hit radio show "O. K. America" starring Joe Brown makes another stop at McGuire. Joe brings a cageful of hep song-

birds for the pre-broadcast entertainment which starts promptly at 7. The McGuire Melody Maes under the baton of Cpl. Bob Panofsky supply a tuneful musical background for the show and broadcast.

A sailor walked up to the Red Cross desk the other night and asked, "Can a fellow get a girl here?"

The volunteer worker in attendance tried to keep a straight face. The sailor explained that a patient he was visiting was about to leave on a date. He just wanted to make it a foursome.



Q. This is to settle a bet. I say that most soldiers do not want their wives and sweethearts to join the Wac, and that most Wacs are not related to GIs. Can you give me the figures?

A. You lose. Official figures show that 60% of the Wacs are wives, sisters, daughters or mothers of men in the armed services. Of the remaining 40%, half were the only members of their family eligible for military service.

Q. What are the minimum standards for eyesight for a rifleman? Both my eyes are less than 20/200, but I am performing duty as an automatic rifleman.

A. A WD CIR 409, dated 19 October, 1944, says that any EM with visual acuity below 20/200 bilateral, correctible to 20/40 bilateral, will not be assigned initially for training as a rifleman (SSN 745) or scout (SSN 761). However, any EM already trained as a rifleman, automatic rifleman or scout with visual acuity below 20/200 bilateral, but not below 20/400 bilateral, correctible to 20/40 bilateral, who is now performing assigned duties satisfactorily will not be reassigned solely on the basis of his visual defect.

Q. Some time back I got into a little trouble and drew a sentence of 30 days, \$30 and a bust from corporal at a summary court-martial. I'm not sore, because I deserved it. The only thing I want to know is, will I have to make up that 30 days? I was drafted into the Army under Selective Service.

A. All men, whether regulars or selectees are required to make up "bad time."

Q. Which is the higher award, the Expert Infantryman Badge or the Combat Infantryman Badge?

A. WD Cir 408 (1c) states that the Combat Infantryman Badge is the higher award.

## Library Notes

The hospital library has announced the arrival of the following new books . . . "The Case of the Blackeyed Blonde", another Perry Mason thriller by Erle Stanley Gardner. . . "Brave Men", Ernie Pyle's latest collection of European front war notes. . . "The Green Years", new A. J. Cronin best seller.

Many new recordings have been added to the music library recently. If the collection does not include a favorite record, its purchase may be requested, and the requested record will be included upon the next order.

This week's special display in the library features text books used for study in the Armed Forces Institute. These books may be borrowed together with language records for use with language texts.

## Off Limits

Until further notice, enlisted GI's on furlough or pass, may not be at large between the hours of 1 AM and 5 AM daily, in Newport News, Norfolk (including Ocean View), South Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach and county environs. A GI on the street, in a place of public entertainment, restaurant or cafe, beer parlor or similar establishment, during these hours in these areas will rate MP convoy. . . unless he can prove bonafide emergency, or that he is enroute to or from a late or night shift.

—Buy War Bonds—

## The Wolf

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## Hitler Blasted by Bombs At Battle of Brest?

Is Hitler dead? Was the madman of Germany blasted back to the Hell that spawned him by the B-29 bombs that fell on Brest and wiped out the German Command Post there?

Pvt. James C. Roseberry, infantry rifleman who fought in that battle until knocked out by shrapnel wounds, is sure that Hitler was killed there.

Roseberry, a recent patient in McGuire, left his Weeksbury, Kentucky home about two years ago to join the Army and saw plenty of action with the 2nd Division in France from D-Day until he was cut down by shrapnel in the Battle of Brest. . . "You must admit," his soft drawl challenges, "that nobody has seen nor heard from Hitler since Brest fell."

"We took over thirty-six thou-

sand prisoners at the Battle of Brest", Pvt. Rosenberg continued, "and a lot of them—both officers and men—spoke good American, and they told us that Hitler had been killed when our B-29's bombed out their last big command post in France. We were fighting on the outskirts of Brest and saw our planes come over and drop the bombs and saw the bombs explode and shoot flames and rubble high into the air. I didn't actually see the bomb-crater that had been a command post filled with high-ranking officers just before the bombs fell. . . but if Hitler was in there with them like the German prisoners said, well he sure enough was blown to pieces with the rest of them. Only thing is," Jim regretted, "that was too easy a death for the rat."



GI SHAVINGS  
BY  
Pvt. Joe Q. McGuire

Here's a happy thought for you down-trodden GI's as contributed by the Camp Sibert News:

When bugles sound their final notes

And bombs explode no more,

When we return to what we did Before we went to war,

The sudden shift in status,

In the ladder of success,

Might make some worthy gentlemen

Feel like an awful mess.

Just think of some poor Captain

Minus his silver bars,

Standing behind a cigar counter,

Selling peanuts and cigars.

And we think of all the majors

With their oak leaves far behind,

And the uniforms they're wearing

Are the Western Union Kind.

Shed a tear for some poor colonel

If he doesn't feel himself,

Jerking sodas isn't easy

When your eagle's on the shelf

'Tis a bitter pill to swallow

'Tis a matter for despair,

Being messengers and clerks again

A mighty cross to bear.

So be kind to working people

That you meet where e're you go,

For the guy that's washing dishes

May be your old CO.

ROMANCE: There's a lot of it going on lately. For instance on a weekend in Washington, Cpl. Peter Athens took unto himself a bride. And while Pvt. Glen W. Smith was tying the knot in Indianapolis, Sgt. and Mrs. Irving Kessler were honeymooning at Williamsburg.

But the number one wedding was that of Lt. Gellman and Vesta Rauber of the grill. She is one of our diet specialists.

PAPA PARADE: This list is growing, but add the following Sgts. Bertolotti and Paier with girls and Pvt. Gullette with a son. Then there is poor Rawlings just sweating it out!

Pfc. Max Lopez provides the best "pop" story. When he left Texas his little daughter was too young to be photographed. . . so he is proudly displaying a set of her footprints.

Due to the incident that took place in barracks 5B, all holders of upper bunks will be given rigid paratrooper physicals and their insurance increased. Ever since Pfc. Philip Quick fell out of bed and into the hospital, some think sides should be put on the beds to prevent future bodies from flying through space.



"Say—I heard one today that'll knock your eyes out."

## McGuirites Buy \$13,000 In War Bonds

Purchase of \$13,000 in war bonds by four persons on the post hauled McGuire a long way towards completion of its \$40,000 Sixth War Loan quota, it was announced by Lt. R. T. Morrison, War Bond Officer.

Although \$40,000 is still a long way off, Lt. Morrison reported, hospital personnel have responded with enthusiasm to the Treasury Department's latest bid for funds to carry the war to the enemy's home ground.

Sparked by the presence of Captain Don Gentile, European theater flying ace, the drive was launched November 21 with a post war bond rally at the Red Cross auditorium. Captain Gentile recounted for hospital personnel a few of his more hair-raising flight experiences. Colonel P. E. Duggins, commanding officer, emphasized the importance of war bond purchases to the expansion of medical corps services to the wounded. Entertainment for the rally was provided by Barney Abrams' Orchestra as well as WRNL's Sunrise Hillbillies and Carter Family.

Lt. Morrison pointed out that an important aim of the Sixth War Loan drive, in addition to extra cash purchases of bonds, is increased participation in Class B allotments for military personnel and Class A pay reservations for civilians.

Captain Ingalls, Fiscal Officer, has been authorized to cash government pay checks during the period of the drive for all individuals who purchase bonds at the Finance Office.

The drive will continue through the month of December.

A war bond jamboree, variety show, auction and dance was staged last night at the gymnasium. Reports on the success of the event were not available at press time.

## Flying Ace Lauds Ground Troops Here

All the air heroes in the world wouldn't win a war by themselves, said Captain Don Gentile in an interview for the BANNER.

"The Air Corps is essential to modern warfare," he believes, "but in the infantry and medics, quartermaster and artillery, ordnance and combat engineers you'll find the men who have to dog it all the way until a victory turns up in the headlines."

Captain Gentile is not, by trade, a publicity agent for footsloggers. He is up with the war's leading aces in combat flying. During 350 combat hours and 182 sorties, Gentile sent down in a fatal stream of smoke 23 German planes, three probables and nine damaged. He wears the Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished

## Pacific Veterans Agree--"Jap Is Tough So-and-So"

By Camp Newspaper Service  
In one of the major divisions of the Army General Staff—S-3—experts are constantly collecting, examining, weighing and balancing with other factors the lessons learned from combat in this war. That which is pertinent and valuable is incorporated into training doctrine.

Capsuled below are some of the reactions of U. S. soldiers, officers and EM, to the fighting on Kwajalein and the Palaus in the South Pacific. They were culled from a series of 10 articles appearing in the Army newspaper Mid-Pacific.

On one fact every fighting man, who was interviewed, agreed. The Jap is a darned hard so-and-so to kill.

Said Sgt. Max Kay, rifle squad leader: "We saw 3 Japs run across a small clearing and disappear into a covered dug-out. So we decided to try to knock out the dug-out with fragmentation hand grenades.

"There was no enemy fire coming from the dugout, but we knew that there were at least the 3 we had seen inside it and there were probably more. Under the covering fire of BARS and some MIs, several of us crawled up close enough to throw grenades. Two of them exploded in the doorway of the dugout.

"We threw 4 more, deep inside the hole. The Japs were groaning inside, and those of us who were close up could hear the scraping of their bodies as they moved over the floor. A Jap, like a snake, must never be considered dead until he quits moving so we tossed in the rest of our fragmentation grenades, which made a total of 20.

"Most of us were satisfied then that nothing could have lived through the shower of steel fragments and the concussion of the twenty grenade explosives, confined in the comparatively small interior of the hole. The men began to move away. Some of the more curious stayed behind watching. Almost immediately two dazed but very much alive Japs ran stumbling out."

It's hard to believe that a man could stay alive in a fortified emplacement after a jet from a flame thrower had passed completely through it. But we have the word of Sgt. Charles Johnson, assistant (Continued on page 4)

Flying Cross with seven Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Medal with three clusters.

"Some day soon," the 23-year-old ace predicted, "I'm going to tour these hospitals again. . . not on a bond tour. I'd like to hear these fellows' angle on the war, too. Most of them have a lot more to say about it than I have."

"Captain Don" joined the RAF after graduating from high school in Piqua, Ohio, in 1940. Before transferring to the U. S. Army Air Corps in September, 1942, he received from the King and Queen the Eagle Squadron crest.



## McGuire Closes On Berlin As First Reich Vets Arrive

By PFC. BERNARD ASBEL

As Eisenhower goes, so goes McGuire.

The hospital moved miles down the fiery road to Berlin with the arrival on November 18 of some of the first American soldiers to enter the Hitler homeland. Others in the shipment saw action in Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and the last days in eastern France.

Consensus of PX talk among the patients can be summarized, "Sure, I'm glad to be home after those months crossing Europe. But it's a helluva thing to get hit when the Big Border of Germany is crossed and Berlin is only down the road a piece."

Pfc. Marcus Hughes, Ward 17, was in the first American company of infantry to enter the Third Reich. He was within sight of the fateful city of Aachen. He will never forget the bitter struggle for that city, for it was during the fight that he was wounded . . . and the five men on patrol with him met death.

Hughes is not sure whether the tired band of foot-sloggers crossed the border on September 11 or 12. "We had been marching and fighting for days all across Europe. Sometimes a day seemed like a year and a calendar meant very little."

"We had been moving up from Luxembourg through a little strip of Belgium. Days of walking were interrupted by snatches of opposition now and then," the bespectacled Georgian recalled. "We were chasing a group of Germans across the map. We didn't know if there were 20 or 2,000."

"It had been 16 miles since our quiet, tired company had seen the enemy when we passed a sign on the road, which for the moment meant nothing to us. Then our captain turned to us and said, 'Men, we're in Germany.' It was as simple as that. We said nothing. In a moment the meaning of his words dawned on us and we became a whooping, howling bunch of soldiers."

"Hey, where's Hitler?" someone shouted, and 'Where's the whole German army? They're supposed to be lined up here!'"

The company turned off the highway at the border and followed a railroad which ran along the boundary. A German town was a stone's throw away and the commander decided to attack it from the flank.

No organized resistance was apparent. But the town was infested with snipers who seemed concealed inside every window.

"We burned that town to the ground that day . . . every house. We had to," Hughes argued. "Those snipers kept up a constant fire, and the civilians were obviously on their side. We spared only the churches. I've never seen a church harmed by an Allied soldier yet, unless the Nazis were using it as a gun emplacement."

Speaking of churches, Hughes turned back to the memory of a priest he had met in Luxembourg. The priest showed Hughes the spot in his study where he had been compelled to hang Hitler's picture. Hughes noted that in its place now hung portraits of Roosevelt and Churchill.

"When we crossed the border," said Hughes wistfully, "I thought of that priest, and what the Nazis had done to him and his people. And I thought of another place he had

"TWO PACKS A DAY is more cigarettes than I've seen since the POE," says Pfc. Marcus Hughes, wounded in action during the battle for Aachen.

Hughes arrived at McGuire November 18 when the hospital received some of the first wounded soldiers to be returned from the German front. Hughes, a drawing Georgian, was "knocked head over heels" when Nazi lead pierced his ankle during a patrolling mission.

Pretty PX salesgirl is Mrs. Elizabeth Lee whose husband is now in a hospital in England as a result of wounds received in France.

## New Tracks Speed Train Evacuation

Major extensions of trackage and platform length at McGuire's unloading station, to expedite movement of patients on and off trains, is nearing completion, it was announced by Major Walter B. Belitz, Jr. Post Engineer.

The additional 800 feet of trackage will extend the spur the length of South Avenue to the Post Theatre. It will no longer be necessary, Major Belitz explained, to break trains when rolling them into the hospital station.

Additions to the loading platform include a 410-foot extension on the west end and 194-foot to the east.

Bids are now open for the installation of underground steam and water pipes to supply waiting trains with heat and water from central post plants after engines have been removed. The construction will be similar to that used in large railroad yards and is expected to be completed on or about January 15.

## Price Clinic

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shows that you have been overcharged, walk, (don't run!) to any member of the Post Price Control Clinic with your claim and receipt-evidence.

Justified complaints, with adequate proof of overcharge, have in some cases resulted in a return of three times the excess over-charge, plus a \$50 attorney fee. In other words, if you were overcharged to the amount of three dollars, the dealer that overcharged you would be required to refund 3 times \$3 or \$9, plus \$50!

Most of Richmond's merchants are fair and "OPAbiding." They are as interested as you are in catching up with the "chiseler." Your reports and claims will aid the Price Control Clinic-OPA efforts to make it unprofitable and costly to overcharge GIs.

A crap shooter in barracks 7A reminds one of what Winston Churchill once said: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few!"

-Buy War Bonds Now-



## Atwood Hall

McGuire guest house has been named Atwood Hall in honor of the late S-Sgt. Charles Atwood, who was attached to the hospital as X-Ray technician and served in that capacity until his death on 3rd of July, 1944.

Atwood Hall's hospitable facilities are available to members of the immediate families of emergency cases. Accommodations for the families have also been arranged nearby in Richmond. A recommendation by the patient's ward officer is required to secure accommodations.

## Beer in Bed

A recent post regulation permits non-ambulant patients to buy not more than two bottles of beer per day at the PX—between the hours of 1300 and 1400—upon prescription of the Ward Officer. Under no other circumstances may beer (in bottles) go out of the PX. The regulation says nothing about the quantity of beer that a consumer may carry from the PX, if stowed in his own hold.

## 531 Nurses Needed In 3rd Command

(By Service Command Press)  
BALTIMORE, Nov. 30—A shortage of 531 nurses in Third Service Command Army hospitals was announced by Lieutenant Colonel Mary G. Phillips, Assistant Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps, in a recent report citing Nurse Corps statistics on the nine Service Commands.

Colonel Phillips reported that the number of nurses caring for the thousands of patients at General and regional hospitals in the Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania area falls far below the ratio of nurses authorized per bed. For the continental United States this ratio has been set at one nurse per 12 patients, while in the Command each Army nurse is actually responsible for an average of 26 patients, she said.

"Approximately 1,000 Army nurses from all over the country will be needed for overseas duty during the month of December," the Nurse Corps official asserted. "And 10,000 additional nurses are needed if the authorized strength of the Army Nurse Corps is to be reached.

"During July and September 1944, there was a great increase in the number of patients evacuated from overseas to the United States. Those now being returned are battle casualty surgical cases, whose need for bed treatment and therefore nursing care is vastly greater," Colonel Phillips added.

## Pacific Veterans Agree Japs Are Tough

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rifle squad leader, that this happened in the South Pacific.

Says Sgt. Johnson: "Some Jap pillboxes and bunkers have shelves and partitions in them, so that the occupants in one part are protected from a grenade or shell burst in another part. Some are arranged so that even the flame-thrower, a weapon normally regarded as conclusively cleaning out an emplacement, fails.

"Dunn, our flame-thrower operator, fired a long jet into one end of a bunker and the flames came out the other end. In spite of the blistering heat, and smoke that had gone completely through the bunker, a Jap emerged a few seconds later, unharmed, and raised his rifle to fire at Dunn. Dunn saw him just in time and fired his flame at the Jap, who toppled backward engulfed in the blaze. When the smoke had cleared the Jap had crawled back into the bunker where he died. The point is that the Jap survived the first burst of flame inside the bunker and was still an aggressive menace."

Lackover: I want a ticket for Virginia.

Agent: What part?

Lackover: All of her. That's her by the suitcase.

## Generals Line Up for Camp Lee Tilt Tonight



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By 1st SGT. BILL ALLISON

In 1901, first season for the American League, total attendance was 1,658,000 fans. Five clubs made money, one broke even and two of them suffered deficits. In the same season, attendance for the National League was 1,857,000. The Nationals bettered the Americans by 201,000. Admissions for that year were as follows: 75 cents for grandstand seats, 50 cents for the pavillion type and 25 cents for general admission.

The three punches that hurt Henry Armstrong most were those thrown his way by Alton Black, the Reno southpaw, Ceferino Garcia and Sugar Robinson. Which of these hurt him most, Henry won't say. Personally we wouldn't care to be hit by any of them.

The greatest football rivalry between Army and Notre Dame began in 1913 and has continued annually with the exception of 1918. It's the oldest intersectional series in football.

This is the fifth straight season the Chicago Cubs have finished in the second division of the National League. Prior to 1940, they landed in the upper bracket fourteen straight years. From 1927 to 1938, they were third place or higher.

\$50,000 was paid recently for a seat at the Colorado-Denver Thanksgiving football classic. A banker paid the sum to Jack Carberry, Denver Post sportswriter, for his press box seat. The money was very well spent. It went for a War Bond.

## Post Basketball Prospects In League Line-up Good

By CPL. AL BIANCO

In blue and gold uniform, the post basketball team is off to a strong and long season. The McGuire Generals, playing in the Virginia Servicemen's Conference, have 19 games on their schedule. They are entering the Third Service Command League with a line-up of seven more games.

Among other teams scheduled are University of Virginia,

Hampden-Sydney College, and Dupont. Tentative dates with William and Mary and University of Richmond have been arranged. An unusually large crowd attended the game during which the McGuire Generals suffered a 38-31 defeat at the hands of the Richmond Naval Training School. The same fine spirit which prevailed among spectators at the softball games was also in evidence for the first post team exhibition basketball game.

As this was the first competition in which the Generals took part, this game will be used in analyzing the post team.

The McGuire squad is not made up of former all-stars nor collegiate players, but it looked very impressive in action.

Keep in mind that the Generals, as yet, have not systemized their team play. Let's look at the boys in blue and gold as they become well grounded in offensive and defensive team play. The fast-break offensive system used by the Richmond Naval Training Station team alone accounts for their victory, since our boys were not prepared for defensive play against a fast-breaking team.

The Generals first five has been tagged the "Mystery Five." But so far, it's not a mystery team; it's a 13-man team. Every man on the squad played about equal time. The starting line-up of Mr. Roffman, Mr. Ancypowic, Mr. Conway, Captain Miller, and Pvt. Scanlon was not indicative of a first team. On the other hand, the weaker squad was probably used in order to throw the other team off. Substitutions were made after only a few minutes of play. Hopping about in the game first was the coach himself, Sgt. Bill Allison, whose unique ball handling

is outstanding. He easily outplayed his opponent and looked every bit a professional at all times.

Following Allison was Hoffman. Tall, husky Tony keeps his head and the ball close to the floor, and keeps both teams guessing on passes. Cronin's heels were Finnegan and all-around basketball player, followed. The Generals have no worries when Cronin has the ball. He knows how to handle it. Close on Cronin's heels were Finnegan and Funke. Outstanding throughout the game were Conway and Scanlon. Both, despite old leg injuries, played an exceptionally good game. Conway's speed and accurate shooting are notable in any game. Scanlon, only five feet four inches, snagged the ball off the backboard right out of the hands of six-foot opponents many times. Miller, forced out of the game on fouls, had no opportunity to show his usual smooth speed and brilliant finesse. Always on his toes and alert, Capt. Miller can be depended upon in any game.

Roffman, although not an old hand at basketball, does his share when the ball is in the air. He can really get up high, grab the ball, and give out with a good pass. Ancypowic, fast and tricky, is more of a floor player than a swisher.

Three top-notch players were not in the Generals' line-up for this game. Pfc. Bill (Gunner) Cheswick, Empire State Building center, was on furlough. Pvt. Jerry Ashley was home, visiting his new arrival, a baby girl. Edwards, an all around basketeer, was on a DS trip. Cheswick, Ashley and Edwards are promising first-stringers for the Generals.

That couple whose hands are always tied in a love-knot is Cpl. and Mrs. Cooper.



COACH ALLISON

## Generals vs. Lee

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become nearly an everyday occurrence with Scanlon, but he has marked himself with his savvy of what to do with the ball when he gets it.

In answer to the BANNER's queries on tonight's line-up, Coach Allison, with his usual cryptic smile, said, "The fellows who played the other night will probably play again. Ashley, Cheswick, Hoffman and Scanlon, missing from Tuesday's game, will also play tonight." Allison's response to a query about the probable outcome of the game was, "Camp Lee has a strong team, good on offense as well as defensive play. They will need both types of tactics against McGuire because we are determined to wipe out the taste of Tuesday night's defeat."

Manager Al Bianco contributed, "We have not previously played the Camp Lee quintet, nor have I seen them in action but they'll know they've been in a fight after they've played the Generals tonight."

Pvt. Kramer has been transferred to Camp Lee to join the Remington Rangers. But he'll return to repair all those typewriters that misspell words.

## Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



## Miscue At Staging Area

